

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF**  
**JAMES W. NEELY, P.E.**  
**ON BEHALF OF**  
**DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.**  
**DOCKET NO. 2019-184-E**

1   **Q.     PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2   A.           My name is James W. Neely and my business address is 220 Operation Way,  
3           Cayce, South Carolina.

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5   **Q.     BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?**

6   A.           I am employed by Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (“DESC” or the  
7           “Company”)<sup>1</sup> as a Senior Resource Planning Engineer.

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9   **Q.     PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR DUTIES RELATED TO RESOURCE**  
10   **PLANNING IN YOUR CURRENT POSITION.**

11   A.           I am responsible for modeling DESC’s electric system for the purpose of  
12           calculating avoided costs, determining the least cost resource plan, forecasting fuel  
13           costs, and evaluating changes to electric generation.

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<sup>1</sup> South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) changed its name to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. in April 2019, as a result of the acquisition of SCANA Corporation by Dominion Energy, Inc. For consistency, I use “DESC” to refer to the Company both before and after this name change.

1 **Q. DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**  
2 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.**

3 A. In 1984 I graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science  
4 degree in electrical engineering. I received a Master of Science degree in  
5 management from Southern Wesleyan University in 2002. I received a Bachelor of  
6 Science degree from Mars Hill University in 1979. I was employed by SCE&G as  
7 a design engineer at V.C. Summer Station from 1992 to 1997. In 1997 I went to  
8 work in the SCE&G Resource Planning department as a Resource Planning  
9 Engineer. In 2013 I was promoted to Senior Resource Planning Engineer.  
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11 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE**  
12 **COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA (“COMMISSION”)?**

13 A. Yes.  
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15 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

16 A. The purpose of my testimony is to discuss the resource plan study that  
17 describes the various generation planning scenarios analyzed and to present the  
18 resource plan on which avoided energy costs calculations are based.

19 I also discuss and present the following:

20 (1) DESC’s avoided costs for power purchases under the Public Utility  
21 Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (“PURPA”);

1 (2) the long-run avoided costs for solar qualifying facilities (“QFs”) that have  
2 production capacity up to 2 megawatts (“MW”) and are set forth in the  
3 Standard Offer Power Purchase Agreement attached to the direct  
4 testimony of Company Witness John E. Folsom as Exhibit No. \_\_ (JEF-  
5 2),

6 (3) the long-run avoided cost for solar QFs with storage that is charged by  
7 solar,

8 (4) the short-run avoided costs for QFs that have power production capacity  
9 less than or equal to 100 kilowatts (“kW”) and are set forth in Rate  
10 Schedule PR-1 attached to Witness Rooks’ testimony as Exhibit No. \_\_  
11 (AWR-2), and

12 (5) the 11 components contained in the net energy metering (“NEM”)  
13 methodology approved by the Commission in Order No. 2015-194 issued  
14 in Docket No. 2014-246-E.  
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### 16 **RESOURCE PLAN STUDY**

17 **Q. HAS DESC CONDUCTED A RESOURCE PLANNING STUDY?**

18 A. Yes. My department performed a resource study for DESC (“Resource  
19 Study”), which is attached as Exhibit No. \_\_ (JWN-1). It shows nineteen resource  
20 plans evaluated under four different sets of assumptions, for a total of 76 different  
21 scenarios. The Resource Study determined the current resource plan as set forth in

1 the Company's Integrated Resource Plan filed with the Commission on February 8,  
2 2019, and in Table 1 of Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_ (JWN-1).

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4 **Q. WHAT SCENARIOS WERE CONSIDERED IN DEVELOPING DESC'S**  
5 **CURRENT RESOURCE PLAN?**

6 A. DESC considered nineteen different resource plans when developing the  
7 current resource plan. The resource plans are described in Table 1 below and  
8 discussed in more detail in Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_ (JWN-1). Please note that "CC" is  
9 shorthand for Combined Cycle, "ICT" is shorthand for Internal Combustion  
10 Turbine, and "PPA" is shorthand for Power Purchase Agreement. Solar Ownership  
11 describes a DESC-owned solar resource.

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**Table 1**

| <b>Scenario Number</b> | <b>Resource Plan</b>                      | <b>Description</b>  |
|------------------------|---|---|
| 1                      | Battery-1                                 | Ten 100 MW, 400 MWh System Batteries  |
| 2                      | Battery-1 w/ Solar Ownership              | Ten 100 MW, 400 MWh system batteries + Ten 100 MW solar generators  |
| 3                      | Battery-2                                 | Ten 100 MW, 400 MWh System Batteries  |
| 4                      | Battery-2 w/ Solar Ownership              | Ten 100 MW, 400 MWh system batteries + Ten 100 MW solar generators)   |
| 5                      | CC 1081 MW                                | One 1-on-1 CC generator   |
| 6                      | CC 540 MW + Retire Coal                   | One 1-on-1 CC generator with the retirement of a 342 MW coal generator  |
| 7                      | CC 540 MW x2                              | Two 1-on-1 CC generators  |
| 8                      | CC 540 MW w/ Battery-1                    | Two 1-on-1 CC generators + One 100 MW, 400 MWh System Battery   |
| 9                      | CC 540 MW w/ Battery-2                    | Two 1-on-1 CC generators + One 100 MW, 400 MWh System Battery   |
| 10                     | CC 540 MW w/ ICT 337 MW                   | One 540 MW 1-on-1 CC gas generator + two 337 MW ICT generators  |
| 11                     | CC 540 MW w/ ICT 93 MW                    | One 540 MW 1-on-1 CC gas generating plant is added in the winter of 2029. The rest of the expansion plan is filled out with five 93 MW ICT generators |
| 12                     | ICT 337 MW                                | Three 337 MW ICT generators   |
| 13                     | ICT 93 MW                                 | Ten 93 MW ICT generators  |
| 14                     | Solar Ownership w/ ICT 93 MW              | Ten 100 MW solar generators + ten 93 MW ICTs  |
| 15                     | Solar Ownership w/ ICT 93 MW + Retire Gas | Ten 100 MW solar generators + fourteen 93 MW ICTs + retirement of 345 MW of gas-fired steam plants  |
| 16                     | Solar PPA 200 MW w/ ICT 93 MW (\$30)      | 200 MWs of solar PPAs with an energy prices of \$30/MWh in 2018 and growing at 2% per year + ten 93 MW ICTs   |
| 17                     | Solar PPA 400 MW w/ ICT 93 MW (\$30)      | 400 MWs of solar PPAs with an energy prices of \$30/MWh in 2018 and growing at 2% per year + ten 93 MW ICTs   |
| 18                     | Solar PPA 400 MW w/ ICT 93 MW (\$35)      | 400 MWs of solar PPAs with an energy prices of \$35/MWh in 2018 and growing at 2% per year + ten 93 MW ICTs   |
| 19                     | Solar PPA 400 MW w/ ICT 93 MW (\$40)      | 400 MWs of solar PPAs with an energy prices of \$40/MWh in 2018 and growing at 2% per year + ten 93 MW ICTs   |

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1 **Q. WHAT SENSITIVITIES IN THE ASSUMPTIONS WERE CONSIDERED IN**  
2 **DEVELOPING DESC'S CURRENT RESOURCE PLAN?**

3 A. DESC considered four sets of assumptions when developing the current  
4 resource plan: 1) Base Gas Prices with Zero CO<sub>2</sub> Costs, 2) High Gas Prices with  
5 \$15/ton CO<sub>2</sub> costs, 3) High Gas Prices with Zero CO<sub>2</sub> Costs, and 4) Base Gas Prices  
6 with \$15/ton CO<sub>2</sub> Costs.  
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8 **Q. HOW WAS THE CURRENT RESOURCE PLAN SELECTED?**

9 A. Base gas prices and zero CO<sub>2</sub> costs were used to select the current plan. Base  
10 gas prices is the most likely gas scenario and CO<sub>2</sub> costs are currently zero and future  
11 costs are uncertain at this point.  
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13 **AVOIDED COSTS UNDER PURPA**

14 **Q. WHAT DOES PURPA REQUIRE?**

15 A. PURPA and its implementing regulations require electric utilities, including  
16 DESC, to purchase electric energy from qualifying facilities ("QF") at the utilities'  
17 avoided costs. However, state public utility commissions, such as the Commission,  
18 determine the method for calculating avoided costs, which are updated on a periodic  
19 basis. The Commission held proceedings in the early 1980s to establish the  
20 respective methodologies for determining the avoided costs of each electric utility.  
21 Determining a utility's avoided costs using an approved methodology is a process  
22 that has been ongoing for decades.

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2 **Q. WHAT ARE AVOIDED COSTS?**

3 A. PURPA regulations define “avoided costs” as “the incremental costs to an  
4 electric utility of electric energy or capacity or both which, but for the purchase from  
5 the qualifying facility or qualifying facilities, such utility would generate itself or  
6 purchase from another source.” 18 C.F.R. § 292.101(b)(6). The Federal Energy  
7 Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) further recognizes that avoided costs include  
8 two components: “energy” and “capacity.” Specifically, “[e]nergy costs are the  
9 variable costs associated with the production of electric energy (kilowatt-hours).  
10 They represent the cost of fuel, and some operating and maintenance expenses.  
11 Capacity costs are the costs associated with providing the capability to deliver  
12 energy; they consist primarily of the capital costs of facilities.” *Small Power*  
13 *Production and Cogeneration Facilities; Regulations Implementing Section 210 of*  
14 *the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978*, Order No. 69, 45 Fed. Reg.  
15 12,214, 12,216 (Feb. 25, 1980) (“Order No. 69”). In Order No. 81-214 and  
16 subsequent decisions, the Commission has recognized that utilities are entitled to  
17 recover their avoided costs under PURPA.

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19 **Q. WHAT APPROACH DOES DESC TAKE TO CALCULATE THE ENERGY**  
20 **AND CAPACITY COMPONENTS OF AVOIDED COSTS?**

21 A. As approved by the Commission in Orders No. 2016-297 and 2018-322(A),  
22 DESC uses a Difference in Revenue Requirements (“DRR”) methodology to

1 calculate both the energy component and the capacity component of its avoided  
2 costs. This approach follows directly from PURPA's definition of avoided costs in  
3 that it involves calculating the revenue requirements between a base case and a  
4 change case. The base case is defined by DESC's existing and future fleet of  
5 generators and the hourly load profile to be served by these generators, as well as  
6 the solar facilities with which DESC has executed a power purchase agreement. The  
7 change case is the same as the base case except that a zero-cost purchase transaction  
8 modeled after the appropriate 100 MW energy profile is assumed.

9 For the avoided energy cost determination a carefully constructed computer  
10 program called PROSYM, which models the commitment and dispatch of  
11 generating units to serve load hour-by-hour, makes two runs and estimates the  
12 production costs and benefits that result from the purchase transaction. The base and  
13 change cases are identical except for the zero-cost purchase transaction. The  
14 avoided energy cost is the difference between the base case costs and the change  
15 case costs.

16  
17 **Q. WHAT PERIOD OF TIME DOES THE COMPANY USE TO CALCULATE**  
18 **ITS AVOIDED COSTS?**

19 A. There are two time periods used to calculate avoided costs. The short-run  
20 avoided energy costs are based on one year and calculated for the period May 2019  
21 through April 2020. The long-run avoided energy costs are calculated for calendar



1 years 2020 through 2029. These 10 years are divided into two groups of five years  
2 each: 2020-2024, and 2025-2029. Avoided capacity costs uses a 10-year period.  
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4 **AVOIDED COST RATE FOR THE STANDARD OFFER RATE**

5 **Q. DO CERTAIN SOLAR PPAs PROVIDE DESC THE OPPORTUNITY TO**  
6 **RECOVER VARIABLE INTEGRATION COSTS?**

7 A. Yes. There are approximately 700 MWs of PPAs with a Variable Integration  
8 Charge (“VIC”) clause that allows DESC to recover costs associated with the  
9 variable nature of solar. These costs were not captured in the avoided cost  
10 calculations filed previously with the Commission.  
11

12 **Q. ARE THERE COSTS TO DESC TO INTEGRATE THE VARIABLE**  
13 **ENERGY SUPPLY FROM SOLAR, AND IS IT POSSIBLE AND**  
14 **APPROPRIATE TO DETERMINE SUCH COSTS FOR THOSE SOLAR**  
15 **GENERATORS OBLIGATED TO PAY THESE COSTS UNDER EXISTING**  
16 **PPAs?**

17 A. Yes and Yes. The Company experiences real and measurable costs to  
18 integrate the energy supplied by solar generators due to the variable nature of the  
19 supply. In this proceeding Company Witness Dr. Matthew Tanner was employed  
20 for the purpose of calculating the Variable Integration Charge (“VIC”). For the  
21 benefit of rate payers, we plan to recover these costs from solar generators whose

1 previously signed PPAs include terms allowing recovery of variable integration  
2 costs.

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4 **Q. IN THIS PROCEEDING IS DESC PROPOSING TO APPLY THE VIC**  
5 **CALCULATED BY DR. TANNER TO NEW PPAs?**

6 A. No. The most appropriate method of addressing issues created by solar  
7 intermittency is to model the system with higher operating reserves. The increase in  
8 operating reserves is now part of the model and is reflected in our estimated avoided  
9 energy costs. Therefore, there is no additional charge included in the avoided costs  
10 for integration, however, the Company reserves the right to present in a future  
11 proceeding other integration charges that the Company may identify based upon  
12 operating experience, study, or analysis.

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14 **Q. HAVE YOU MADE ANY OBSERVATIONS REGARDING THE AMOUNT**  
15 **OF RESERVES REQUIRED TO COVER THE INTERMITTENCY OF**  
16 **SOLAR GENERATION?**

17 Yes. We observed that additional reserves equal to 35% of the installed solar  
18 capacity is sufficient to cover most of the one-hour solar intermittency. The avoided  
19 cost calculations included in this testimony were modeled with additional reserves  
20 equal to 35% of the installed solar capacity, during solar generating hours. As more  
21 solar is added to the DESC system, these percentages may change and the new  
22 operating reserve requirements will be reflected in future avoided cost calculations.

1 **Q. HOW DOES DESC CALCULATE ITS AVOIDED ENERGY COSTS FOR**  
2 **QF FACILITIES TAKING THE COMPANY'S STANDARD OFFER RATE?**

3 A. DESC uses PROSYM to estimate the change in production costs that result  
4 from serving the loads in the base case and the change case. The change case for  
5 non-solar QFs is derived from the base case by subtracting a 100 MW round-the-  
6 clock power purchase profile. The avoided costs are then accumulated into four  
7 time-of-use periods. The change case for solar QFs is derived from the base case by  
8 subtracting a 100 MW power purchase modeled after a solar profile. Avoided energy  
9 costs are calculated for calendar years 2020 through 2029. These 10 years are  
10 divided into two groups of five years each: 2020-2024, and 2025-2029.  
11

12 **Q. HOW DOES DESC CALCULATE ITS AVOIDED CAPACITY COSTS FOR**  
13 **QF FACILITIES TAKING THE COMPANY'S STANDARD OFFER RATE?**

14 A. As previously discussed, DESC takes a similar approach to determining  
15 avoided capacity costs as it does with avoided energy costs. Using the DRR  
16 methodology approved by the Commission in Order No. 2016-297, DESC  
17 calculates the difference in the revenue requirement between the base case and the  
18 change case. Using the resource plan in its latest IRP or an updated resource plan if  
19 appropriate, DESC calculates the incremental capital investment related revenue  
20 required to support the existing resource plan. For the calculation of avoided  
21 capacity costs, DESC derives a change case in its resource plan by considering the  
22 impact of a QF purchase from a 100 MW facility. The avoided capacity cost is the

1 difference between the incremental capacity costs in the base resource plan and the  
2 change plan.

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4 **Q. WHY IS THIS METHOD REASONABLE?**

5 A. This method identifies adjustments to the utility's expansion plan that are  
6 attributable to purchases from QFs. The cost associated with these adjustments is  
7 then quantified and accurately reflects the capacity cost benefits that would result  
8 from the QF purchase.

9  
10 **Q. USING THIS METHODOLOGY, WHAT ARE THE AVOIDED CAPACITY**  
11 **COSTS FOR THE STANDARD OFFER RATE?**

12 A. The avoided capacity cost for solar QFs subject to the Standard Offer Rate is  
13 zero. Incremental solar QFs do not affect the resource plan and therefore avoid no  
14 future resources or their cost.

15 For non-solar QFs that qualify for the Standard Offer Rate, the avoided  
16 capacity cost is \$73.46/MWh, but this value only applies for a limited period of  
17 time. These avoided capacity rates will be paid during the months of December,  
18 January and February for energy generated from 6 am to 9 am. In order to qualify  
19 for this credit, the Seller's generation should be fully dispatchable during all of the  
20 capacity credit hours identified above.

1 **Q. WHY DOES ADDITIONAL SOLAR CAPACITY NOT AFFECT DESC'S**  
2 **FUTURE CAPACITY NEEDS?**

3 A. DESC performed a study that analyzed the impact of solar on its daily peak  
4 demands. This study titled "The Capacity Benefit of Solar QFs 2018 Study," a copy  
5 of which is attached to the Direct Testimony of Company Witness Dr. Joseph M.  
6 Lynch as Exhibit No. \_\_ (JML-1).

7 DESC's need for capacity is driven by the winter season. Solar does not help  
8 with the capacity need primarily because the winter peak occurs either early in the  
9 morning before solar begins to generate energy or in the evening after solar is no  
10 longer generating. Because solar does not consistently provide capacity during the  
11 winter peak periods, the Company is unable to avoid any of its projected future  
12 capacity needs and, therefore, the avoided capacity cost of solar is zero.

13  
14 **Q. WHY IS DESC USING A 10-YEAR PERIOD IN ITS EVALUATION OF**  
15 **AVOIDED COSTS?**

16 A. It is important to recognize that projections of future avoided energy costs  
17 are uncertain. Therefore, using projected costs beyond the 10-year period required  
18 by Act No. 62 would be speculative and could increase the costs paid by DESC's  
19 customers.

**Q. BASED ON THE COMPANY'S APPROVED METHODOLOGY, WHAT ARE DESC'S AVOIDED COSTS FOR THE STANDARD OFFER RATE?**

**A.** Table 2 below contains the avoided costs for the Standard Offer rate.

**Table 2**  
**STANDARD OFFER RATE: AVOIDED ENERGY COST**  
**Non-Solar QFs (\$/MWh)**

| <b>Time Period</b> | <b>Peak Season<br/>Peak Hours<br/>(\$/MWh)</b> | <b>Peak Season<br/>Off-Peak Hours<br/>(\$/MWh)</b> | <b>Off-Peak<br/>Season Peak<br/>Hours (\$/MWh)</b> | <b>Off-Peak<br/>Season Off-<br/>Peak Hours<br/>(\$/MWh)</b> |
|--------------------|--|--|--|---|
| 2020-2024          | 29.09  | 26.44  | 29.63  | 27.26   |
| 2025-2029          | 33.91  | 29.07  | 36.75  | 31.38   |

**STANDARD OFFER RATE: AVOIDED CAPACITY COST**  
**Non-Solar QFs (\$/MWh)**

| <b>Time Period</b>                          | <b>(\$/MWh)</b> |
|---|-----------------|
| December, January, February<br>6 am to 9 am | 73.46           |

**STANDARD OFFER RATE: AVOIDED ENERGY COST**  
**Solar QFs (\$/MWh)**

| <b>Time Period</b> | <b>Annual<br/>(\$/MWh)</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 2020-2024          | 21.26                      |
| 2025-2029          | 24.50                      |

**STANDARD OFFER RATE: AVOIDED CAPACITY COST**  
**Solar QFs (\$/MWh)**

The avoided capacity costs for solar QFs are zero.

1 **Q. HOW WILL DESC ADDRESS AVOIDED COSTS FOR QFs OF GREATER**  
2 **THAN TWO (2) MW?**

3 A. DESC plans to negotiate contracts with any QF greater than 2 MW for which  
4 the PR-1 Rate and Standard Offer Rate is not appropriate. The methodology for  
5 calculating the avoided capacity and avoided energy will be consistent with the  
6 avoided cost methodology outlined previously. The differences lie in using unit  
7 specific data to calculate avoided costs. Other specific requirements are described  
8 in the Rate PR – Avoided Cost Methodology attached to Company Witness Rooks’  
9 testimony as Exhibit No. \_\_ (AWR-5).

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11 **AVOIDED COST RATE FOR SOLAR WITH STORAGE**

12 **Q. IS DESC PROVIDING A TARIFF FOR SOLAR WITH STORAGE?**

13 A. No. The following discussion provides indicative avoided costs calculations  
14 for solar with storage in accordance with Act No. 62, Section 58-41-20(B)(3). The  
15 MW requirements for solar with storage would place it in the category of projects  
16 above 2 MW that must be negotiated under the terms of Rate PR - Form PPA  
17 attached to Company Witness Rooks’ testimony as Exhibit No. \_\_ (AWR-7).

18  
19 **Q. HAS DESC CALCULATED AVOIDED COSTS FOR SOLAR WITH**  
20 **STORAGE?**

21 A. Yes.  
22

1   **Q.   HOW WAS THE AVOIDED COST CALCULATED?**

2   A.           In order to calculate the benefit of solar with storage, two benefits were  
3           identified. The first benefit is the energy benefit. The energy benefit is determined  
4           by finding the difference in avoided energy cost of one system with 100 MW solar  
5           and another system with 100 MW solar and 25 MW storage.

6           The second benefit is capacity benefit. To calculate the capacity benefit we  
7           assumed 100 MW of capacity is added to the system in 2020 which causes a shift  
8           of needed resources and their costs. Next we calculate the 10-year levelized change  
9           in revenue requirements. This value becomes the capacity benefit in \$/kW.

10          The energy benefit is multiplied times the estimated solar generation to get  
11          an annual energy benefit. The levelized capacity benefit is multiplied times the  
12          storage capacity kW to get the annual capacity benefit. The sum of these two values  
13          divided by 12 months divided by the storage capacity creates the total system benefit  
14          for the storage in \$/kW per month.

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16   **Q.   BASED ON THE COMPANY'S METHODOLOGY, WHAT ARE DESC'S**  
17   **AVOIDED COSTS FOR THE SOLAR WITH STORAGE RATE?**

18   A.           Table 3 below contains the avoided costs for the solar with storage rate.



**Table 3**  
**AVOIDED COST**  
**SOLAR WITH STORAGE**

| <b>Time Period</b> | <b>Annual<br/>(\$/MWh)</b> | <b>Annual<br/>(\$/kWh)</b> | <b>Monthly<br/>(\$/kW)</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2020-2024          | 21.26                      | 0.02126                    | 3.17                       |
| 2025-2029          | 24.50                      | 0.02450                    | 3.17                       |

**Q. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE SOLAR WITH STORAGE AND RECEIVE THE SOLAR WITH STORAGE AVOIDED COST?**

A. The storage system must initially have a minimum capacity of 15 MW-AC and have the ability to deliver its maximum capacity for four consecutive hours when fully charged. Degradation of the storage system will be specifically addressed in any final contractual arrangements between the provider and DESC. DESC will control the dispatch of the storage.

The fixed monthly payment is intended to compensate the Seller for all aspects of the storage, including, but not limited to, avoided capacity costs and the dispatch rights associated with the discharge of the storage system.

**PR-1 RATE**

**Q. HOW DOES DESC COMPUTE THE AVOIDED ENERGY COMPONENT FOR SOLAR QFs SUBJECT TO THE PR-1 RATE?**

A. DESC uses the same methodology to estimate avoided energy costs for solar QFs on PR-1 as it did for solar QFs in the Standard Offer Rate. The only difference is the time period over which the avoided energy costs are estimated. The short-run avoided energy costs in the PR-1 Rate are calculated for the period May 2019 through April 2020 whereas the Standard Offer Rate is a 10-year calculation. Losses for PR-1 are also different. Losses for PR-1 are on calculated at the primary distribution level.

**Q. HOW DOES DESC COMPUTE THE AVOIDED ENERGY COMPONENT FOR NON-SOLAR QFs SUBJECT TO THE PR-1 RATE?**

A. As discussed previously, DESC uses PROSYM to estimate the change in production costs that result from serving the base case load and the change case. The change case for non-solar QFs is derived from the base case by subtracting a 100 MW round-the-clock power purchase profile. The avoided costs are then accumulated into four time-of-use periods set forth in Table 4. A non-solar QF would be paid based on how much energy it produces in each of these four time-of-use periods.

**Q. HOW DOES DESC COMPUTE THE AVOIDED CAPACITY COMPONENT FOR SOLAR AND NON-SOLAR QFs SUBJECT TO THE PR-1 RATE?**

A. DESC takes a similar approach to determining avoided capacity costs as it does with avoided energy costs. Using the DRR methodology approved by the Commission in Order No. 2016-297, DESC calculates the difference in the revenue requirement between the base case and the change case. Using the resource plan in its latest IRP or an updated resource plan if appropriate, DESC calculates the incremental capital investment related revenue required to support the existing resource plan. As with its calculation of avoided energy costs, DESC derives a change case in its resource plan by considering the impact of a QF purchase from a 100 MW facility. The avoided capacity cost is the difference between the incremental capacity costs in the base resource plan and the change plan.

**Q. WHAT IS THE AVOIDED CAPACITY COST COMPONENT FOR QFs IN THE PR-1 RATE?**

A. The avoided capacity cost for solar QFs subject to the PR-1 Rate is zero. Incremental solar QFs do not affect the resource plan and therefore avoid no future resources or their cost.

For non-solar QFs that qualify for the PR-1 Rate, the avoided capacity cost is \$0.07346/kWh. It will be paid during the months of December, January and February for energy generated from 6 am to 9 am. The capacity payment is available only to generators capable of providing power in all of the identified hours.

**Q. WHAT ADJUSTMENTS ARE MADE TO THE AVOIDED COSTS IN THE PR-1 RATE?**

A. The avoided energy cost results for both solar QFs and non-solar QFs are adjusted for line losses, working capital impacts, gross receipts taxes, and generation taxes.

**Q. WHAT IS THE RESULTING PR-1 RATE?**

A. The avoided costs are shown in Table 4 below.

**Table 4**

**PR-1 RATE: AVOIDED ENERGY COST  
Non-Solar QFs (\$/kWh)**

| <b>Time Period</b>      | <b>Peak Season<br/>Peak Hours<br/>(\$/kWh)</b> | <b>Peak Season<br/>Off-Peak Hours<br/>(\$/kWh)</b> | <b>Off-Peak Season<br/>Peak Hours<br/>(\$/kWh)</b> | <b>Off-Peak Season<br/>Off-Peak Hours<br/>(\$/kWh)</b> |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| May 2019-<br>April 2020 | 0.02843  | 0.02738  | 0.03508  | 0.03364  |

**PR-1 RATE: AVOIDED CAPACITY COST  
Non-Solar QFs (\$/kWh)**

| <b>Time Period</b>                          | <b>(\$/kWh)</b> |
|---|-----------------|
| December, January, February<br>6 am to 9 am | 0.07346         |

**PR-1 RATE: AVOIDED ENERGY COST  
Solar QFs (\$/kWh)**

| <b>Time Period</b>  | <b>Year<br/>Round<br/>(\$/kWh)</b> |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| May 2019-April 2020 | 0.03149                            |

**PR-1 RATE: AVOIDED CAPACITY COST**  
**Solar QFs (\$/kWh)**

The avoided capacity costs for solar QFs are zero.

**COMPONENTS OF VALUE FOR**  
**NET ENERGY METERING DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES**

**Q. WHAT ARE THE COMPONENTS OF VALUE FOR NEM DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES?**

A. By way of its Order No. 2015-194 issued in Docket No. 2014-246-E, the Commission approved the following 11 components of value for NEM Distributed Energy Resources:

**Net Energy Metering Methodology**

1. +/- Avoided Energy
  2. +/- Energy Losses/Line Losses
  3. +/- Avoided Capacity
  4. +/- Ancillary Services
  5. +/- T&D Capacity
  6. +/- Avoided Criteria Pollutants
  7. +/- Avoided CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Cost
  8. +/- Fuel Hedge
  9. +/- Utility Integration & Interconnection Costs
  10. +/- Utility Administration Costs
  11. +/- Environmental Costs
- = Total Value of NEM Distributed Energy Resources**

**Q. HAS DESC UPDATED THESE COMPONENTS OF VALUE?**

A. Yes. Table 5 shows the updated components of value for NEM Distributed Energy Resources. Two columns of numbers are shown: one for the current value and one for the value over the 10 year planning period. The difference between these

two columns of numbers represents the future benefits of DER and are subject to recovery under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-40-20(F)(6).

**Table 5**  
**Total Value of NEM Distributed Energy Resources (\$/kWh)**

|    | <b>Current Period<br/>(\$/kWh)</b> | <b>10-Year<br/>Levelized<br/>(\$/kWh)</b> | <b>Components</b>                                      |
|----|------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1  | 0.03053                            | \$0.02210                                 | Avoided Energy Costs                                   |
| 2  | \$0.0                              | \$0.0                                     | Avoided Capacity Costs                                 |
| 3  | \$0.0                              | \$0.0                                     | Ancillary Services                                     |
| 4  | \$0.0                              | \$0.0                                     | T & D Capacity   |
| 5  | \$0.00003                          | \$0.00003                                 | Avoided Criteria Pollutants                            |
| 6  | \$0.0                              | \$0.0                                     | Avoided CO <sub>2</sub> Emission Cost                  |
| 7  | \$0.0                              | \$0.0                                     | Fuel Hedge   |
| 8  | \$0.0                              | \$0.0                                     | Utility Integration & Interconnection Costs            |
| 9  | \$0.0                              | \$0.0                                     | Utility Administration Costs                           |
| 10 | \$0.00093                          | \$0.00116                                 | Environmental Costs                                    |
| 11 | \$0.03149                          | \$0.02329                                 | Subtotal   |
| 12 | \$0.00257                          | \$0.00190                                 | Line Losses @ 0.9245                                   |
| 13 | \$0.03406                          | \$0.02519                                 | <b>Total Value of NEM Distributed Energy Resources</b> |

**Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE COMPONENTS OF VALUE FOR AVOIDED ENERGY COSTS AND AVOIDED CAPACITY COSTS SHOWN ON LINE NOS. 1 AND 2 OF TABLE 5.**

**A.** The components of value for avoided energy costs and avoided capacity costs are based on the PURPA avoided cost values previously discussed with one

1 adjustment. The avoided energy costs are adjusted to remove the cost of criteria  
2 pollutants and environmental costs, which are then reflected in the components  
3 shown on Lines 5 and 10, i.e., Avoided Criteria Pollutants and Environmental Costs.  
4 Both the avoided energy costs and the avoided capacity costs are based on solar  
5 QFs.

6 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE COMPONENT OF VALUE FOR ANCILLARY**  
7 **SERVICES SHOWN ON LINE NO. 3 OF TABLE 5.**

8 A. Ancillary services refer to the need to balance the load and generation on the  
9 system and include operating reserves, both spinning and non-spinning; frequency  
10 regulation; and voltage control. We observed that additional operating reserves  
11 equal to 35% of the installed solar capacity covers most of the one-hour solar  
12 intermittency. These additional reserves create a net reduction in the avoided energy  
13 costs, but because of the difficulty of splitting out the portion of avoided costs due  
14 to increased reserves we left it in the avoided energy value.

15  
16 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE COMPONENT OF VALUE FOR TRANSMISSION**  
17 **AND DISTRIBUTION CAPACITY SHOWN ON LINE NO. 4 OF TABLE 5.**

18 A. DESC's NEM distributed resources do not avoid transmission or distribution  
19 capacity and therefore the value of this component is zero. On DESC's transmission  
20 system, customer-scale NEM resources are distributed across DESC's transmission  
21 system and have too small of an impact on any transmission circuit to result in

1 avoided transmission capacity. For example, the most impacted substation currently  
2 on DESC's system is connected to 1,818 kW of solar capacity owned by 257  
3 customers. The impact of a 1,818 kW change in load is much too small to affect the  
4 planning of our need for a 115 kV or a 230 kV circuit, which carry loads between  
5 237,000 and 948,000 kW.

6 On the distribution system, DESC's engineers must design a circuit for  
7 circumstances that will stress the circuit. In particular, since solar output is  
8 intermittent during the day and non-existent at night, they must also plan for when  
9 the DER is not supplying power. The distribution line must carry the load both when  
10 the DER is generating and when it is not because of weather-related factors or  
11 because DER resources are off line.

12  
13 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE COMPONENT OF VALUE FOR AVOIDED**  
14 **CRITERIA POLLUTANTS SHOWN ON LINE NO. 5 OF TABLE 5.**

15 A. DESC associates a positive avoided cost value to criteria pollutants NO<sub>x</sub> and  
16 SO<sub>2</sub>. The avoided cost of these pollutants typically is included in the Company's  
17 avoided energy costs but, these costs have been separated out in this proceeding for  
18 reporting purposes.



1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE COMPONENT OF VALUE FOR AVOIDED CO<sub>2</sub>**  
2 **POLLUTANTS SHOWN ON LINE NO. 6 OF TABLE 5.**

3 A. Pursuant to Commission Order No. 2015-194, the component of value for  
4 avoided CO<sub>2</sub> is set at zero until state or federal laws or regulations result in an  
5 avoidable cost on utility systems for these emissions. Currently, there are no state  
6 or federal laws or regulations restricting the emission of CO<sub>2</sub> pollutants and,  
7 therefore, the value for CO<sub>2</sub> pollutants is zero.

8 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE COMPONENT OF VALUE FOR FUEL HEDGE**  
9 **SHOWN ON LINE NO. 7 OF TABLE 5.**

10 A. DESC does not hedge fuels for electric generation. Therefore, the value for  
11 fuel hedging is zero.

12  
13 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE COMPONENT OF VALUE FOR UTILITY**  
14 **INTEGRATION & INTERCONNECTION COSTS SHOWN ON LINE NO. 8**  
15 **OF TABLE 5.**

16 A. There is no additional charge included on Line No. 8 of Table 5 for utility  
17 integration and interconnection costs. Other integration and interconnection costs of  
18 NEM Distributed Energy Resources are being collected through a DER rider added  
19 to the fuel clause. Therefore, the value of this component is zero.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE COMPONENT OF VALUE FOR UTILITY**  
2 **ADMINISTRATION COSTS SHOWN ON LINE NO. 9 OF TABLE 5.**

3 A. At present, the administration costs of NEM Distributed Energy Resources  
4 are being collected through a DER rider being added to the fuel clause. Therefore,  
5 the value of this component is zero.  
6

7 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE COMPONENT OF VALUE FOR**  
8 **ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS SHOWN ON LINE NO. 10 OF TABLE 5.**

9 A. The component of “Environmental Costs” refers to any appropriate  
10 environmentally related costs that were not already included in other net metering  
11 methodology components. DESC associates a positive avoided cost value to  
12 represent the cost of certain environmental materials used in the generation of  
13 energy, such as lime and ammonia. The avoided cost of these materials typically is  
14 included in the Company’s avoided energy costs but these costs have been separated  
15 out in this proceeding for reporting purposes.  
16

17 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE COMPONENT OF VALUE FOR ENERGY**  
18 **LOSSES/LINE LOSSES SHOWN ON LINE NO. 11 OF TABLE 5.**

19 A. When a NEM Distributed Energy Resource serves a customer’s load behind  
20 their meter or when it puts power onto the distribution system, DESC avoids having  
21 to generate that specific amount of energy. The Company also avoids the energy  
22 required to bring the power to the customer’s meter or the distribution system, i.e.

1 the line losses associated with delivering power across the system. The loss factor  
2 used for these NEM values represents the cumulative marginal line losses at a  
3 residential customer's meter.

4  
5 **CONCLUSION**

6 **Q. WHAT IS DESC REQUESTING OF THE COMMISSION IN THIS**  
7 **PROCEEDING?**

8 A. DESC respectfully requests that the Commission approve the calculation of  
9 the total value of NEM Distributed Energy Resources as set forth in my testimony,  
10 the proposed PR-1 avoided costs, Standard Offer avoided costs, and the avoided  
11 cost methodology to be used for future updates to the Standard Offer and for  
12 calculation of the avoided costs for small power producers which do not qualify for  
13 the Standard Offer PPA.

14  
15 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

16 A. Yes.

# Resource Study

## Introduction

The following pages documents a study that was performed to assess the cost of generation that could meet the resource plan needs of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s ("DESC" or the "Company") electric system. In each case, generation is added over a thirty-year horizon then modeled using DESC's hourly dispatch model. Costs are extrapolated for another ten years then the scenarios are compared using the scenario's 40-year levelized net present value. Generation is added to meet the winter base reserve level.

## Reserve Margin

DESC's reserve margin policy is summarized in the following table. Peaking reserves are considered the capacity needed during the five highest peak load days in the season while base reserves are needed for the balance of the season.

| DESC's Reserve Margin Policy |        |        |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|
|                              | Summer | Winter |
| Base Reserves                | 12%    | 14%    |
| Peaking Reserves             | 14%    | 21%    |
| Increment for Peaking        | 2%     | 7%     |

DESC's generating resources serve both the base capacity need and the peak capacity need.

| Year | Base MW Need |        | Peak MW Need |        |
|------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|
|      | Summer       | Winter | Summer       | Winter |
| 2019 | 0            | 0      | 0            | 0      |
| 2020 | 0            | 0      | 0            | 0      |
| 2021 | 0            | 0      | 0            | 0      |
| 2022 | 0            | 0      | 0            | 3      |
| 2023 | 0            | 0      | 0            | 30     |
| 2024 | 0            | 0      | 0            | 77     |
| 2025 | 0            | 0      | 0            | 128    |
| 2026 | 0            | 0      | 0            | 182    |
| 2027 | 0            | 0      | 0            | 229    |
| 2028 | 0            | 5      | 0            | 271    |
| 2029 | 0            | 51     | 0            | 274    |
| 2030 | 0            | 99     | 0            | 276    |
| 2031 | 0            | 147    | 0            | 279    |
| 2032 | 0            | 194    | 0            | 281    |
| 2033 | 45           | 242    | 0            | 284    |
| 2034 | 93           | 287    | 0            | 286    |
| 2035 | 141          | 332    | 0            | 288    |
| 2036 | 188          | 377    | 0            | 291    |
| 2037 | 235          | 425    | 0            | 293    |

These results show that the winter season requires more of both base and peak capacity needs than does the summer season. In fact, with respect to the need for base capacity, the capacity added to

meet the winter base capacity need will also serve to meet the summer base capacity need. Furthermore, there is no need for additional summer peaking resources. The derivation of these results is shown later in this report or in the appendix.

## Meeting the Base Resource Need

For base resources, the winter base reserve margin of 14% was used to determine the timing of adding generation resources. DESC created a list of 8 generating resources to be considered, which are reflected in the table below. Please note that “CC” is shorthand for Combined Cycle, “ICT” is shorthand for Internal Combustion Turbine, and “PPA” is shorthand for Power Purchase Agreement.

| Resource   | Capital Cost 2017\$/kW | Description                                   |
|------------|------------------------|---|
| Battery #1 | \$2,126                | 100 MW with 400 MWH                           |
| Battery #2 | \$1,350                | 100 MW with 400 MWH,<br>\$1.65 MM/year in O&M |
| Solar Farm | \$1,762                |   |
| CC 2-on-1  | \$876                  | 1,081 MW with HR=6,203                        |
| CC 1-on-1  | \$938                  | 540 MW with HR=6,276                          |
| ICT#1      | \$647                  | 337 MW with HR=9,091                          |
| ICT#2      | \$697                  | 93 MW with HR=9,169                           |
| Solar PPA  | N/A                    | \$30, \$35, \$40/MWh in 2018 esc. @2%         |

These 8 resources were combined in various ways to develop 19 resource plans, some of which consider the retirement of certain existing generating units. The 19 scenarios are listed in the following table followed by a description of each scenario.

| Scenario Number | Scenario                                  |
|-----------------|---|
| 1               | Battery-1                                 |
| 2               | Battery-1 w/ Solar Ownership              |
| 3               | Battery-2                                 |
| 4               | Battery-2 w/ Solar Ownership              |
| 5               | CC 1,081 MW                               |
| 6               | CC 540 MW + Retire Coal                   |
| 7               | CC 540 MW x 2                             |
| 8               | CC 540 MW w/ Battery-1                    |
| 9               | CC 540 MW w/ Battery-2                    |
| 10              | CC 540 MW w/ ICT 337 MW                   |
| 11              | CC 540 MW w/ ICT 93 MW                    |
| 12              | ICT 337 MW                                |
| 13              | ICT 93 MW                                 |
| 14              | Solar Ownership w/ ICT 93 MW              |
| 15              | Solar Ownership w/ ICT 93 MW + Retire Gas |
| 16              | Solar PPA 200 MW w/ ICT 93 MW, \$30/MWh   |
| 17              | Solar PPA 400 MW w/ ICT 93 MW, \$30/MWh   |
| 18              | Solar PPA 400 MW w/ ICT 93 MW, \$35/MWh   |
| 19              | Solar PPA 400 MW w/ ICT 93 MW, \$40/MWh   |

**Scenario 1:** In this scenario, 1,000 MW of battery capacity is added in 100 MW increments in years 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2043, 2045, and 2047. Each battery installation has 100 MW of capacity and 400 MWhs of energy. The battery construction cost is \$2,126/kW (\$2017) but there is no annual operating cost.

**Scenario 2:** In this scenario, 1,000 MW of battery capacity is added in 100 MW increments in years 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2043, 2045, and 2047. Each battery installation has 100 MW of capacity and 400 MWhs of energy. The construction cost is \$2,126/kW (\$2017) with no annual cost. In this scenario, 1,000 MW of solar generation is also added between 2028 and 2047. The solar generators have no energy cost but a construction cost of \$1,762/kW (\$2017).

**Scenario 3:** In this scenario, 1,000 MW of battery capacity is added in 100 MW increments in years 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2043, 2045, and 2047. Each battery installation has 100 MW of capacity and 400 MWhs of energy. The construction cost is \$1,350/kW (\$2017) with an annual cost of \$1.65M per year.

**Scenario 4:** In this scenario, 1,000 MW of battery capacity is added in 100 MW increments in years 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2043, 2045, and 2047. Each battery installation has 100 MW of capacity and 400 MWhs of energy. The construction cost is \$1,350/kW (\$2017) with an annual cost of \$1.65M per year. In this scenario, 1,000 MW of solar generation is added in 100 MW increments in years 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2043, 2045, and 2047. The solar generators have no energy cost but a construction cost of \$1,762/kW (\$2017).

**Scenario 5:** In this scenario, one 1,081 MW 2-on-1 combined cycle (CC) gas generating plant is added in the winter of 2029. This combined cycle generator has a full load heat rate of 6,203 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$876/kW (\$2017).

**Scenario 6:** In this scenario, three 540 MW 1-on-1 combined cycle (CC) gas generating plants are added in the winter of 2029, 2033 and 2044. This scenario also includes the retirement of one 342 MW coal plant in the winter of 2029. These combined cycle generators have a full load heat rate of 6,276 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$938/kW (\$2017).

**Scenario 7:** In this scenario, two 540 MW 1-on-1 combined cycle (CC) gas generating plants are added in the winters of 2029 and the winter of 2040. These combined cycle generators have a full load heat rate of 6,276 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$938/kW (\$2017).

**Scenario 8:** In this scenario, 100 MW of battery capacity is added in 2029 with two 540 MW 1-on-1 combined cycle (CC) gas generating plants added in the winters of 2031 and the winter of 2042. These combined cycle generators have a full load heat rate of 6,276 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$938/kW (\$2017). The battery construction cost is \$2,126/kW (\$2017) but there is no annual operating cost.

**Scenario 9:** In this scenario, 100 MW of battery capacity is added in 2029 with two 540 MW 1-on-1 combined cycle (CC) gas generating plants added in the winters of 2031 and the winter of 2042. These combined cycle generators have a full load heat rate of 6,276 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$938/kW (\$2017). Each battery installation has 100 MW of capacity and 400 MWhs of energy. The construction cost is \$1,350/kW with an annual cost of \$1.65M per year.

**Scenario 10:** In this scenario, one 540 MW 1-on-1 CC gas generating plant is added in the winter of 2029. The rest of the expansion plan is filled out with two 337 MW ICT generators added in the winters of 2040 and 2047. The combined cycle generator has a full load heat rate of 6,276 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$938/kW (\$2017). The 337 MW turbines have a full load heat rate of 9,091 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$647/kW (\$2017).

**Scenario 11:** In this scenario, one 540 MW 1-on-1 CC gas generating plant is added in the winter of 2029. The rest of the expansion plan is filled out with five 93 MW ICT generators added in the winters of 2040, 2042, 2044, 2046 and 2047. The combined cycle generator has a full load heat rate of 6,276 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$938/kW (\$2017). The 93 MW turbines have a full load heat rate of 9,169 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$697/kW (\$2017).



**Scenario 12:** In this scenario, three 337 MW internal combustion turbines (ICT) are added in the winters of 2029, 2036 and 2043. These turbines have a full load winter heat rate of 9,091 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$647/kW (\$2017).

**Scenario 13:** In this scenario, ten 93 MW internal combustion turbines (ICT) are added in years 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2042, 2044, and 2046. These turbines have a full load heat rate of 9,169 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$697/kW (\$2017).

**Scenario 14:** In this scenario, 1,000 MW of solar generation and 930 MW of ICTs are added in years 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2043, 2045, and 2047. The 93 MW turbines have a full load heat rate of 9,169 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$697/kW (\$2017). The solar generators have no energy cost but a construction cost of \$1,762/kW (\$2017).

**Scenario 15:** In this scenario, 1,000 MW of solar generation and 1,302 MW of ICT are added in years 2028(4), 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2043, 2045, and 2046. Three gas-fired steam plants are retired in the winter of 2028 with a combined capacity of 346 MW. The 93 MW turbines have a full load heat rate of 9,169 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$697/kW (\$2017). The solar generators have no energy cost but a construction cost of \$1,762/kW (\$2017).

**Scenario 16:** In this scenario, 200 MW of solar PPAs are added in 2026 which have no winter capacity. The energy of these PPAs are prices at \$30/MWh in 2018 and growing at 2% per year. This scenario includes ten 93 MW ICTs added in years 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2042, 2044, and 2046. These turbines have a full load heat rate of 9,169 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$697/kW (\$2017).

**Scenario 17:** In this scenario, 400 MW of solar PPAs are added in 2026 which have no winter capacity. The energy of these PPAs is priced at \$30/MWh in 2018 and growing at 2% per year. This scenario includes ten 93 MW ICTs added in years 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2042, 2044, and 2046. These turbines have a full load heat rate of 9,169 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$697/kW (\$2017).

**Scenario 18:** In this scenario, 400 MW of solar PPAs are added in 2026 which have no winter capacity. The energy of these PPAs is priced at \$35/MWh in 2018 and growing at 2% per year. This scenario includes ten 93 MW ICTs added in years 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2042, 2044, and 2046. These turbines have a full load heat rate of 9,169 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$697/kW (\$2017).

**Scenario 19:** In this scenario, 400 MW of solar PPAs are added in 2026 which have no winter capacity. The energy of these PPAs are priced at \$40/MWh in 2018 and growing at 2% per year. This scenario includes ten 93 MW ICTs added in years 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2042, 2044, and 2046. These turbines have a full load heat rate of 9,169 Btu/kWh and an estimated construction cost of \$697/kW (\$2017).

## Sensitivities and Results

The incremental revenue requirements associated with each of the 19 resource plans was computed using the PROSYM computer program to estimate production costs and an EXCEL capital model to calculate the associated capital costs. The EXCEL capital model combined the capital costs with the production costs to estimate total incremental revenue requirements over a 40-year planning horizon. Four sensitivities were considered: two on natural gas prices and two on the cost of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The four assumptions are: 1) \$0/ton CO<sub>2</sub> and base gas prices, 2) \$15/ton CO<sub>2</sub> and high gas prices, 3) \$0/ton CO<sub>2</sub> and high gas prices, and 4) \$15/ton CO<sub>2</sub> and base gas prices. Base gas prices are based on NYMEX Henry Hub prices through 2020 then growing at 4.82% until 2031 then growing at 3.9% thereafter. High gas prices are double the base gas prices. The following table shows the ranking of each resource plan under each sensitivity. A ranking of 1 is the least-cost option for the given assumptions.

| Scenario Number | Scenario                                  | Scenario Ranking                |                                  |                                 |                                  |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                 |   | \$0 CO <sub>2</sub><br>Base gas | \$15 CO <sub>2</sub><br>High gas | \$0 CO <sub>2</sub><br>High gas | \$15 CO <sub>2</sub><br>Base gas |
| 1               | Battery-1                                 | 16                              | 17                               | 16                              | 17                               |
| 2               | Battery-1 w/ Solar Ownership              | 19                              | 18                               | 19                              | 19                               |
| 3               | Battery-2                                 | 11                              | 13                               | 12                              | 15                               |
| 4               | Battery-2 w/ Solar Ownership              | 18                              | 16                               | 15                              | 18                               |
| 5               | CC 1081 MW                                | 14                              | 14                               | 14                              | 11                               |
| 6               | CC 540 MW + Retire Coal                   | 12                              | 15                               | 17                              | 4                                |
| 7               | CC 540 MW x2                              | 1                               | 10                               | 10                              | 6                                |
| 8               | CC 540 MW w/ Battery-1                    | 17                              | 19                               | 18                              | 16                               |
| 9               | CC 540 MW w/ Battery-2                    | 13                              | 12                               | 13                              | 13                               |
| 10              | CC 540 MW w/ ICT 337 MW                   | 8                               | 9                                | 8                               | 8                                |
| 11              | CC 540 MW w/ ICT 93 MW                    | 6                               | 7                                | 6                               | 2                                |
| 12              | ICT 337 MW                                | 9                               | 11                               | 9                               | 10                               |
| 13              | ICT 93 MW                                 | 2                               | 5                                | 5                               | 7                                |
| 14              | Solar Ownership w/ ICT 93 MW              | 10                              | 6                                | 7                               | 12                               |
| 15              | Solar Ownership w/ ICT 93 MW + Retire Gas | 15                              | 8                                | 11                              | 14                               |
| 16              | Solar PPA 200 MW w/ ICT 93 MW (\$30)      | 3                               | 4                                | 3                               | 3                                |
| 17              | Solar PPA 400 MW w/ ICT 93 MW (\$30)      | 4                               | 1                                | 1                               | 1                                |
| 18              | Solar PPA 400 MW w/ ICT 93 MW (\$35)      | 5                               | 2                                | 2                               | 5                                |
| 19              | Solar PPA 400 MW w/ ICT 93 MW (\$40)      | 7                               | 3                                | 4                               | 9                                |

Resource scenario #7 is the lowest-cost resource plan under the assumption of \$0 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> emission and base gas costs. Scenario #17 is the lowest-cost resource plan under the other three sensitivities. Because base gas prices is the most likely gas scenario and CO<sub>2</sub> costs are uncertain at this point, resource scenario #7 is the resource plan used in developing avoided costs and forecasting fuel costs.

## Some Observations

The results above do not reflect a decision on the Company's part but only represent a snapshot at the present time and offer possible expansion plans under different sensitivities. More work on this issue will be done and based on additional peak demand forecasts as they are updated. However, it is helpful to make some observations about these results to extract as much useful information as possible from the study. For example, under the \$0 per ton CO<sub>2</sub> cost and base gas price scenario, resource plan #7 was the most economical. Cheaper energy provided by a new, highly efficient combined cycle plant when gas prices are relatively low without CO<sub>2</sub> emission costs offers enough economic benefit to overcome the extra capital costs.

Resource plan #13 is more economical than #12 under all four sensitivities, suggesting that using the smaller ICT of 93 MW is better than using the larger ICT even though there is a higher capital cost and heat rate cost. The same conclusion can be drawn when comparing resource plan #11 to #10. Another possibility to consider in future studies involves the early retirement of coal units. Resource plan #6 falls fourth in the ranking when there is a \$15 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions cost coupled with low gas prices. If gas prices were a little lower with respect to coal prices and the cost of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions a little larger, the retirement of coal units might prove to be an economical option.

Adding 100 MW batteries is consistently more expensive than adding 93 MW peaking facilities, which can be seen by comparing scenario #11 with #9 and scenario #14 with #4.

Resource scenario #17 was the most economical in three of the four sensitivities considered, i.e., whenever the gas price was high or there was a CO<sub>2</sub> emissions cost, the clean energy provided by more solar proved valuable to the system. However, this option presents two significant questions: 1) can solar energy be purchased at \$30 per MWh escalating at 2% and 2) can the system dispatch address the increase in operating issues caused by adding another 400 MW of solar to a system already dealing with over 1,000 MW of solar? As the system cost increases

for solar PPA this scenario moves out of the least cost position, as seen in scenarios 18 and 19. DESC will continue to evaluate these and other scenarios in the future.

### **Meeting the Peak Resource Need**

For peak resources, the winter incremental peak reserve margin of 7% was used. The Company does not require any more summer peak capacity in large part because of all the solar energy currently on the system or under contract. Peak capacity is capacity needed to supplement base capacity on the five highest load days in the season. As was just discussed, the Company does not need additional base capacity until 2029 so until then there is extra base capacity to support the peak needs. With approximately 100 MW of demand response for peaking needs, significant additional peak capacity is not required until 2023 or 2024. At present the Company is conducting a DSM Potential Study which will include demand response options for winter. When this study is complete, the Company will be able to identify the best way to meet its winter peaking needs.

# APPENDIX

Table 1. Resource Scenario #7

| SCE&G Forecast of Summer and Winter Loads and Resources - 2019 IRP Update |                             |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---|-----------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|   |                             |      | (MW)  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|   |                             | YEAR | 2019  |       | 2020  |       | 2021  |       | 2022  |       | 2023  |       | 2024  |       | 2025  |       | 2026  |       | 2027  |       | 2028  |       | 2029  |       | 2030  |       | 2031  |       | 2032  |       | 2033  |       |
|   |                             |      | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     |
| Load Forecast   |                             |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 1   | Baseline Trend              |      | 4911  | 4999  | 4965  | 5069  | 5028  | 5129  | 5087  | 5187  | 5144  | 5243  | 5200  | 5301  | 5255  | 5360  | 5315  | 5420  | 5372  | 5482  | 5433  | 5544  | 5492  | 5602  | 5551  | 5663  | 5609  | 5724  | 5669  | 5783  | 5726  | 5845  |
| 2   | EE/Renewables Impact        |      | -28   | -35   | -32   | -61   | -49   | -90   | -68   | -109  | -86   | -143  | -116  | -161  | -131  | -177  | -145  | -192  | -159  | -214  | -176  | -236  | -195  | -254  | -211  | -272  | -227  | -290  | -243  | -308  | -259  | -327  |
| 3   | Gross Territorial Peak      |      | 4883  | 4964  | 4933  | 5008  | 4979  | 5039  | 5019  | 5078  | 5058  | 5100  | 5084  | 5140  | 5124  | 5183  | 5170  | 5228  | 5213  | 5268  | 5257  | 5308  | 5297  | 5348  | 5340  | 5391  | 5382  | 5434  | 5426  | 5475  | 5467  | 5518  |
|   |                             |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| System Capacity   |                             |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 4   | Existing                    |      | 5780  | 5948  | 5780  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 6295  | 6463  | 6295  | 6463  | 6295  | 6463  | 6295  | 6463  |
| 5   | Existing Solar              |      | 121.1 | 0     | 193   | 0     | 379.8 | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     |
| 6   | Demand Response             |      | 244   | 215   | 245   | 216   | 246   | 217   | 247   | 218   | 248   | 218   | 249   | 219   | 250   | 220   | 251   | 221   | 252   | 222   | 254   | 223   | 255   | 224   | 256   | 225   | 257   | 226   | 258   | 227   | 259   | 228   |
|   | Additions:                  |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 7   | Solar Plant                 |      | 71.93 | 0     | 186.8 | 0     | 102.1 | 0     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 8   | Peaking/Intermediate        |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 540   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 9   | Baseload                    |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 10  | Retirements                 |      | -85   |       | -25   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|   |                             |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 11  | Total System Capacity       |      | 6132  | 6163  | 6380  | 6139  | 6483  | 6140  | 6484  | 6141  | 6485  | 6141  | 6486  | 6142  | 6487  | 6143  | 6488  | 6144  | 6489  | 6145  | 6491  | 6146  | 6492  | 6687  | 7033  | 6688  | 7034  | 6689  | 7035  | 6690  | 7036  | 6691  |
| 12  | Winter Deficit              |      |       | 0     |       | 0     |       | 0     |       | 3     |       | 30    |       | 77    |       | 128   |       | 182   |       | 229   |       | 277   |       | 0     |       | 0     |       | 0     |       | 0     |       | 0     |
| 13  | Total Production Capability |      | 6132  | 6163  | 6380  | 6139  | 6483  | 6140  | 6484  | 6144  | 6485  | 6171  | 6486  | 6219  | 6487  | 6271  | 6488  | 6326  | 6489  | 6374  | 6491  | 6423  | 6492  | 6687  | 7033  | 6688  | 7034  | 6689  | 7035  | 6690  | 7036  | 6691  |
|   |                             |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Reserves  |                             |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 14  | Margin (L13-L3)             |      | 1249  | 1199  | 1447  | 1131  | 1504  | 1101  | 1465  | 1066  | 1427  | 1071  | 1402  | 1079  | 1363  | 1088  | 1318  | 1098  | 1276  | 1106  | 1234  | 1115  | 1195  | 1339  | 1693  | 1297  | 1652  | 1255  | 1609  | 1215  | 1569  | 1173  |
| 15  | % Reserve Margin (L14/L3)   |      | 25.6% | 24.2% | 29.3% | 22.6% | 30.2% | 21.8% | 29.2% | 21.0% | 28.2% | 21.0% | 27.6% | 21.0% | 26.6% | 21.0% | 25.5% | 21.0% | 24.5% | 21.0% | 23.5% | 21.0% | 22.6% | 25.0% | 31.7% | 24.1% | 30.7% | 23.1% | 29.7% | 22.2% | 28.7% | 21.3% |

Table 2. Resource Scenario #17

| SCE&G Forecast of Summer and Winter Loads and Resources - 2019 IRP Update |                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |  |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--|
| (MW)  |                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |  |
|   |                             | YEAR  |       | 2019  |       | 2020  |       | 2021  |       | 2022  |       | 2023  |       | 2024  |       | 2025  |       | 2026  |       | 2027  |       | 2028  |       | 2029  |       | 2030  |       | 2031  |       | 2032  |       | 2033 |  |
|   |                             | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     | S     | W     |      |  |
| Load Forecast   |                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |  |
| 1   | Baseline Trend              | 4911  | 4999  | 4965  | 5069  | 5028  | 5129  | 5087  | 5187  | 5144  | 5243  | 5200  | 5301  | 5255  | 5360  | 5315  | 5420  | 5372  | 5482  | 5433  | 5544  | 5492  | 5602  | 5551  | 5663  | 5609  | 5724  | 5669  | 5783  | 5726  | 5845  |      |  |
| 2   | EE/Renewables Impact        | -28   | -35   | -32   | -61   | -49   | -90   | -68   | -109  | -86   | -143  | -116  | -161  | -131  | -177  | -145  | -192  | -159  | -214  | -176  | -236  | -195  | -254  | -211  | -272  | -227  | -290  | -243  | -308  | -259  | -327  |      |  |
| 3   | Gross Territorial Peak      | 4883  | 4964  | 4933  | 5008  | 4979  | 5039  | 5019  | 5078  | 5058  | 5100  | 5084  | 5140  | 5124  | 5183  | 5170  | 5228  | 5213  | 5268  | 5257  | 5308  | 5297  | 5348  | 5340  | 5391  | 5382  | 5434  | 5426  | 5475  | 5467  | 5518  |      |  |
| System Capacity   |                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |  |
| 4   | Existing                    | 5780  | 5948  | 5780  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5755  | 5923  | 5848  | 6016  | 5848  | 6016  | 5941  | 6109  | 5941  | 6109  |      |  |
| 5   | Existing Solar              | 121.1 | 0     | 193   | 0     | 379.8 | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 0     | 482   | 184   | 482   | 184   | 482   | 184   | 482   | 184   | 482   | 184   | 482   | 184   | 482   | 184   |      |  |
| 6   | Demand Response             | 244   | 215   | 245   | 216   | 246   | 217   | 247   | 218   | 248   | 218   | 249   | 219   | 250   | 220   | 251   | 221   | 252   | 222   | 254   | 223   | 255   | 224   | 256   | 225   | 257   | 226   | 258   | 227   | 259   | 228   |      |  |
|   | Additions:                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |  |
| 7   | Solar Plant                 | 71.93 | 0     | 186.8 | 0     | 102.1 | 0     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 184   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |  |
| 8   | Peaking/Intermediate        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 93    |       |       |       | 93    |       |       |       |       | 93   |  |
| 9   | Baseload                    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |  |
| 10  | Retirements                 | -85   |       | -25   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |  |
| 11  | Total System Capacity       | 6132  | 6163  | 6380  | 6139  | 6483  | 6140  | 6484  | 6141  | 6485  | 6141  | 6486  | 6142  | 6487  | 6143  | 6488  | 6328  | 6489  | 6329  | 6491  | 6330  | 6492  | 6424  | 6586  | 6425  | 6587  | 6519  | 6681  | 6520  | 6682  | 6614  |      |  |
| 12  | Winter Deficit              |       | 0     |       | 0     |       | 0     |       | 3     |       | 30    |       | 77    |       | 128   |       | 0     |       | 45    |       | 93    |       | 47    |       | 98    |       | 56    |       | 105   |       | 63    |      |  |
| 13  | Total Production Capability | 6132  | 6163  | 6380  | 6139  | 6483  | 6140  | 6484  | 6144  | 6485  | 6171  | 6486  | 6219  | 6487  | 6271  | 6488  | 6328  | 6489  | 6374  | 6491  | 6423  | 6492  | 6471  | 6586  | 6523  | 6587  | 6575  | 6681  | 6625  | 6682  | 6677  |      |  |
| Reserves  |                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |  |
| 14  | Margin (L13-L3)             | 1249  | 1199  | 1447  | 1131  | 1504  | 1101  | 1465  | 1066  | 1427  | 1071  | 1402  | 1079  | 1363  | 1088  | 1318  | 1100  | 1276  | 1106  | 1234  | 1115  | 1195  | 1123  | 1246  | 1132  | 1205  | 1141  | 1255  | 1150  | 1215  | 1159  |      |  |
| 15  | % Reserve Margin (L14/L3)   | 25.6% | 24.2% | 29.3% | 22.6% | 30.2% | 21.8% | 29.2% | 21.0% | 28.2% | 21.0% | 27.6% | 21.0% | 26.6% | 21.0% | 25.5% | 21.0% | 24.5% | 21.0% | 23.5% | 21.0% | 22.6% | 21.0% | 23.3% | 21.0% | 22.4% | 21.0% | 23.1% | 21.0% | 22.2% | 21.0% |      |  |